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RESOLUTION 2022-04

EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS GENERATED FROM MARIJUANA TAX

It is the intent of the Montana Association of Counties to require funds obtained from the marijuana tax—currently distributed to Montana Fish & Game to purchase habitat—be spent in the county where the tax is generated or for the benefit of counties in general.

WHEREAS the State distributes funds generated from the marijuana tax to the Montana Fish & Game for wildlife habitat; and

WHEREAS MCA 87-1-242(3) and MCA 87-1-209 requires the funds go to Montana Fish & Game to purchase land or easements for habitat; and

WHEREAS the counties want the funds expended in the county from which the tax was generated or for the benefits of counties in general.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Montana Association of Counties will seek to establish legislation to require the Montana Fish & Game to expend funds generated from the marijuana tax in the county from which it was generated or for a use that is of benefit to counties that is not purchase of land or easements for habitat.

SPONSOR:	PHILLIPS COUNTY
REFERRED TO:	PUBLIC LANDS COMMITTEE (PL)
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